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SUBJECT: CCINC INVITATION FOR EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION TOUR

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1. AS SUGGESTED PARA 2 REFTEL, DEA OFFICERS MET WITH ATTORNEY A.G. BARCIAL OF THE DANGEROUS DRUNG BOARD ON DECEMBER 14 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE INVITATION TO DR. SANTIAGO. BARCIAL ADVISED THAT DR. SANTIAGO IS NOT ACCREDITED TO THE DDB AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT BE LIKELY TO RECEIVE AN ENDORSEMENT FROM THE DDB SINCE THERE ARE PRESENTLY 53 PSYCHIATRISTS WHO ARE ACCREDITED. HE ADDED THAT WITHOUT DDB ENDORSEMENT, DR. SANTIAGO COULD NOT OBTAIN AN EXIT VISA. FURTHER, ATTORNEY BARCIAL STATED THAT DR. SANTIAGO HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE GOP AS DO MANY OF THE DDB-ACCREDITED PSYCHIATRISTS. THEREFORE HIS RECEIVING THIS TRAINING WOULD BE OF LESS VALUE TO THE PHILIPPINES AS THE TRAINING OF A GOVERNMENT-CONNECTED PHSYCIAN. ATTORENY BARCIAL CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT DR. SANTIAGO WOULD BE ADVISED TO SEEK DDB ACCREDITATION IF HE SO DESIRED.

2. COMMENT. IN VIEW OF THIS RATHER NEGATIVE REACTION ON THE PART OF THE DDB, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO PROCEED WITH THE INVITATION TO DR. SANTIAGO. IF DEPARTMENT SO DESIRES, WE COULD DISCUSS INVITATION WITH DR. SANTIAGO TO SEE IF HE IS PREPARED TO SEEK DDB ACCREDITATION AND TO SOLICIT HIS JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD BE ACCREDITED AND WOULD RECEIVE DDB

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ENDORSEMENT OF HIS PROPOSED OBSERVATION TOUR. HOWEVER,

IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ONE OF THE DDB'S
PREFERRED CANDIATES FOR SUCH A TOUR. PLEASE ADVISE.
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